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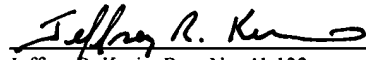
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**RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

**Amendments**

Please cancel claims 31-46 and 51-82 without prejudice.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-82 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action.

The Examiner has issued a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. Group I includes Claims 1-30 and 47-51. Group II includes Claims 31-46 and 51-82. Applicants elected Group I with traverse during

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